PROCEEDINGS

of

THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

FIRST ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION.

Wednesday, the 2nd August 1933|the 18th Karkadagam 1108.

The Assembly re-assembled at eleven two of the clock, the President presiding.

SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT.

PRESIDENT : Members of the Assembly, before we commence, I wish to make a statement explaining the procedure which is proposed to be followed regarding questions and answers. You are, of course, aware that, while formerly only the member asking the question was permitted to put a supplementary question, under the Reforms, the privilege of putting supplementary questions has been extended to every member. Naturally, a larger number of supplementary questions than before will be put during question time, and perhaps, the number of principal questions answered will consequently be less than hitherto. In order to enable members to distinguish between questions in respect of which they desire to put supplementary questions and those for which an answer may not be required on the floor of the House, the practice, obtaining in the House of Commons and the Indian Central Legislature, of putting starred and unstarred questions has now been introduced here. Questions desired to be answered on the floor of the House will be starred, and the official member in charge will answer them orally. Any member may then put supplementary questions arising out of these answers. Answers to all unstarred questions will be printed along with the proceedings of the day and be made available to the members. Printed copies of the questions, which will be answered during the day, will be made available to the members on the previous day. Copies of the answers given during the day will also be placed in the Press Room.

The present practice of placing on the table printed copies of questions and answers will be modified to this extent in favour of the practice obtaining in the House of Commons and the Indian Central Legislature. I trust that the Members will appreciate this change as it will be conducive to more efficient despatch of business during question time.

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[President.]

One further point I would like to mention. Of late, there has been some delay in the publication of the proceedings of the Legislature. With a view to expedite the publication of the proceedings of the Legislature, some arrangements have been made provisionally. Those of you who have been members of the last Council are no doubt aware that printed copies of the proceedings of one meeting are ready only just before the next meeting comes round. This delay can be avoided if the members would kindly co operate with the Secretary in enabling him to send to the Press the final edition of their speeches with the utmost possible expedition. Typed copies of the speeches made by each member at a meeting will be made available to him on the evening of the day after the meeting, and the speeches may be returned to the Secretary, with the corrections, if any, within the course of a day. This will enable the final edition of the proceedings of each meeting being issued on the fourth day.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Road from 10th mile Alleppey-Aroor Road to Kanichakulangara.

1.* **MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why the scheme for the construction of a road from the 10th mile of the Alleppey-Aroor road to Kanichakulangara is not yet carried out; and

(*b*) whether the Government are aware of the great hardships to which the people of the locality are subjected for want of means of communication?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) For want of funds; (*b*) yes.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether Government will be pleased to state whether they are aware.....

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I regret I cannot hear a word of what the member has been saying.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that, at the Kanichakulangara temple festival, more than 50,000 people congregate yearly from most parts of North Travancore?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether, if the people of the locality are willing to surrender land free, immediate steps will be taken to start the construction of the road in question?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Is the member sure that the land necessary will be surrendered free by the owners concerned?

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